

CITY COMMISSION
Las Cruces, New Mexico

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held January 3, 1967, in the Public Safety Building at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Commissioners Juan Gomez, Herculano Ferralez, R. Lee Stryker, and Mayor T. J. Graham.

Others:

City Manager Vasilakis, Administrative Engineer Roser, Utilities Director Gaines, Building Inspector Osborne, Engineering Assistant Little, Police Chief Silva, Fire Chief Apodaca, Public Safety Director Baca, and Secretary Dorothy Culver.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Graham.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Ferralez moved that "The minutes of the December 19 meeting be received and entered." Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion and it was unanimously VOTED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

After a brief discussion Commissioner Stryker moved, Commissioner Ferralez seconded the motion, and it was unanimously VOTED that "The bills be approved and payment made for same."

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT:

Mr. Vernon Miller, Chairman, reported that there are too few units for the City's needs; that the administrative salary budget is inadequate, as is the maintenance budget; and that the high utility cost was a problem area. He also reported that of the 100 units available, occupancy was 99 percent, and that the City was in dire need of an additional 100 to 150 units.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 67-53 - A Resolution Accepting the Bid for Polygraph.

Chief Silva reported that the Polygraph now in use was a loan to the student receiving the highest grade at the polygraph school, which he recently attended in New York. Commissioner Ferralez moved passage of Resolution No. 67-53. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stryker. Commissioner Stryker asked Chief Silva about the use of the polygraph at the University and it was the opinion of Chief Silva that the owner, Professor Farris, was too busy to give tests, because the University policemen were using the City's polygraph, as does the State Police Department and Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Stryker moved that the MOTION BE TABLED pending obtaining further information concerning the use of the polygraph at the University. Commissioner Ferralez seconded the motion, which was VOTED. However, it was pointed out that the City and other communities must go out of town for polygraph examinations; also that a sizeable expense was involved in sending Chief Silva to the polygraph school in New York, and that much time would be saved by giving the tests locally. Chief Silva reported that he had run at least 50 tests since he has had the use of a polygraph, and that he has been charged at least \$50 for each examination he has had made in El Paso; that the machine would easily pay for itself in money, time and aid in solving crimes. Chief Silva was requested to get a report from the University regarding their polygraph. It was reported that the polygraph was a tremendous improvement for the City and all law enforcement officers in the County.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 67-54 - A Resolution Providing Annual Equipment Service.

This Agreement is with International Harvester to do the repair work on motorized equipment. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Gomez moved, Commissioner Stryker seconded the motion and it was unanimously VOTED that "Resolution No. 67-54 be passed."

The City Manager reported that he was checking the insurance coverage on the City bulldozer which was recently damaged by vandals, and that precautions were being taken to protect equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Land Planning Proposal - Lewis Emerick.

Mr. Emerick presented his plan for condominiums and requested that the City Commissioners consider adopting an ordinance permitting the construction of these units..

2. Municipal Airport.

The City Manager reported that two proposals were received for airport operator, which were virtually the same, and that he would have a report on the hangar situation in the next few days. The Commission was of the opinion that they should talk with the two operators jointly, and as Mr. Irwin was the only interested party present, it was agreed to meet with the operators at another time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transfer of Liquor License.

Rupert Larry Chisholm, dba Court Jester Lounge, requested an ownership transfer of his liquor license to Chisholm's, Inc. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ferralez, seconded by Commissioner Stryker, and unanimously VOTED, the transfer was authorized.

2. Building Permit - Urban Renewal District.

The El Paso Electric Company at 201 North Water requested the permit and Commissioner Ferralez moved that "The permit be authorized," as the Urban Renewal Agency had approved the request. Commissioner Stryker seconded the motion and it was unanimously VOTED. The Commissioners were of the opinion that actual construction should be withheld pending Commission approval.

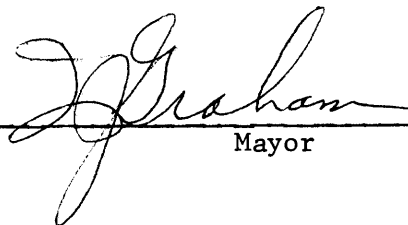
ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Mayor Graham reported that Frank Hemingway of the Zoning Commission, Ed Engle of the University, and John Armstrong from the Chamber of Commerce, had been appointed to the Census Tract Committee, and that the requested census information had been mailed to Washington on December 30.

Commissioner Ferralez stated that the arroya East of Solano needed to be cleaned up on both sides; that it was unsightly and contained rodents and an accumulation of debris as the area was being used as a dumping ground. The City Manager agreed to look into the matter.

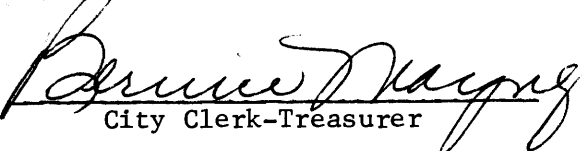
It was reported that transport trucks were being parked overnight in the residential district of Mesilla Park, and Police Chief Silva agreed to check the matter.

There being no further business to come before this body, the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST,



City Clerk-Treasurer

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